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<b>PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:</b>	<b>Board of Speech Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers</b>
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room B</b> second floor of the Cannon Building
<b>MINUTES APPROVED</b>	July 8, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Illene Courtright, Professional Member, President  
Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member, Secretary  
Dr. Michael Michelli, Professional Member  
Regina Bilton, Professional Member  
Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member  
Carol Guilbert, Public Member  
George Christensen, Public Member

**DIVISION STAFF**

Allison Reardon, Deputy Attorney General  
Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Maisha Britt, Public Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Courtright called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 13, 2009 meeting. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Dr. Michelli, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Review Strategic Plan

There was nothing added or changed at this time. The Board will consider adding the topics of SLPAs and Telepractice to their strategic plan. Further discussion regarding this will take place at the July meeting when Ms. Heeney, the Board's regular Deputy Attorney General is present.

### Joint Sunset Committee – Legislative Discussion

The board reviewed the final draft of legislative changes prepared by Ms. Heeney. No changes were suggested.

### Discussion Regarding the use of SLPAs

A brief discussion took place regarding the use of SLPAs in Delaware. The Board would like to start working on defining the position of SLPAs and developing regulations for them. The Board decided to start holding committee meetings to work on this process. The first committee meeting will be held in July, starting one hour prior to the Board meeting.

### Discussion Regarding Telepractice

A brief discussion took place regarding telepractice. The Board acknowledged that this is a topic that needs to be explored in the near future. They decided that they will begin working on this topic at the committee meetings, once they have finished working on the topic of SLPAs.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Review Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications

The Board reviewed Leia Luther's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed James Bertinato's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Kathleen Istvan's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Carolyn Boudreaux's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### Review Temporary Speech Pathologist Applications

The Board reviewed Jennifer Lease's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Jessica Joynes' application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Amy Bertheaud's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Patricia Templeton's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Jaime Thomas' application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Amanda Gehring's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Christina Infiesta's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Meaghan Friel's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review Permanent Hearing Aid Dispenser Applications

The Board reviewed Francis Curtin's application for a permanent hearing aid dispenser license. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Susan Morrow's application for a permanent hearing aid dispenser license. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review Permanent Audiologist Application

The Board reviewed Ryan Horan's application for a permanent audiologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review Temporary Hearing Aid Dispenser Application

The Board reviewed Ryan Horan's application for a temporary hearing aid dispenser license. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review Request for Extension of Temporary Hearing Aid Dispenser License

The Board reviewed a request to extend James Bauman's temporary hearing aid dispenser license. Mr. Christensen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the request. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review Request for Extension of Temporary Speech Pathologist License

The Board reviewed a request to extend Erin Brackin's temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the request. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Close Complaint

Ms. Bilton agreed with the Investigative Department to close Complaint # 31-01-09.

#### Review of Continuing Education Activities

Ms. Bilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the following continuing education as noted:

Licensee: Kelly Diamond  
Sponsor: EBS Healthcare  
Activity: Assessment and Treatment of Children with Feeding Problems  
Contact Hours: 4 CS

Licensee: Sharon Graney  
Sponsor: Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center  
Activity: Cochlear Implants and Sign Language: Building Foundations for Effective Education Practices  
Contact Hours: 17.5 CS

Sponsor: Megan Reavis  
Activity: Creating and Implementing Groups Utilizing Medicare Guidelines: An Interdisciplinary Approach  
Contact Hours: 6 PG

Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review Request from the Hearing Aid Academy, LLC, for Feedback Regarding Their Course Curriculum

The Board reviewed a request from the Hearing Aid Academy, LLC, in which they requested that the Board review their education program and provide feedback as to whether it would be adequate for potential hearing aid dispenser applicants to pass the exam. Ms. Reardon advised the Board that they should not give legal advice or advisory opinions. Mr. Christensen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to send a letter stating that the Board does not give legal advice or advisory opinions, and to refer them to the Board's statute and regulations. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **Other Business before the Board**

Ms. Slaughter asked the Board what percentage of licensees they want to have selected for random audit once the renewal period ends. The Board advised they would like to have 20 percent of the active licensees selected for audit.

#### **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to review.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

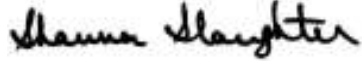
**Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Christensen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shauna Slaughter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shauna Slaughter  
Administrative Specialist II